

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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GULINO, ET AL.,

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

96-CV-8414 (KMW)

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY
OF NEW YORK,

ORDER

Defendant.

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KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

On September 15, 2021, Special Master John S. Siffert issued his Interim Report and Recommendation recommending granting Plaintiffs' sixteenth through nineteenth motions for interim attorneys' fees (the "Report"). (ECF No. 8798.) That Report recommends an interim award of Plaintiffs' interim attorneys' fees and costs associated with work in this case from January 1, 2021 through April 31, 2021 in the total amount of \$3,800,651.69. Relative to prior fee awards, this award reflects an increase in the hourly rates for associate attorneys as well as for several experts. The Report reviews the complex issues addressed by counsel during the above-mentioned time period and the reasonableness of the billing rates for various attorneys and experts. The Special Master also undertook a meticulous review of attorneys' and experts' time.

The Court notes that the parties have represented to the Special Master that they do not intend to file objections to the Report. The Report also notes that Plaintiffs have not waived their claim to entitlement to the compensation they originally requested for this period.

The Court hereby adopts all of the findings and recommendations of the Report, including the hourly rates recommended by the Special Master. The Court awards Plaintiffs a total of \$3,800,651.69 in attorneys' fees. The award shall be paid no later than October 28, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
September 28, 2021

/s/ Kimba M. Wood
KIMBA M. WOOD
United States District Judge